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To award grants to eligible entities to enable the entities to reduce the rate of underage alcohol use and binge drinking among students at institutions of higher education.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. DEWINE introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Campus-Based Under-
5 age Alcohol Use Reduction Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress makes the following findings:

1 (1) Drinking alcohol under the age of 21 is ille-
2 gal in each of the 50 States and the District of Co-
3 lumbia. Enforcement of current laws and regulations
4 in States and communities, such as minimum age
5 drinking laws, zero tolerance laws, and laws and reg-
6 ulations which restrict availability of alcohol, must
7 supplement other efforts to reduce underage drink-
8 ing.

9 (2) Data collected by the Department of Health
10 and Human Services and the Department of Trans-
11 portation indicate that alcohol use by youth has
12 many negative consequences, such as immediate risk
13 from acute impairment; traffic fatalities; violence;
14 suicide; and unprotected sex.

15 (3) A significant percentage of the total alcohol
16 consumption in the United States each year is by
17 underage youth. The Substance Abuse and Mental
18 Health Services Administration reports that the per-
19 centage is over 11 percent.

20 (4) College and university presidents have cited
21 alcohol abuse as the number one health problem on
22 college and university campuses.

23 (5) According to the National Institute on Alco-
24 hol Abuse and Alcoholism, two of five college stu-
25 dents are binge drinkers; 1,400 college students die

1 each year from alcohol-related injuries, a majority of
 2 which involve motor vehicle crashes; more than
 3 70,000 students are victims of alcohol-related sexual
 4 assault; and 500,000 students are injured under the
 5 influence of alcohol each year.

6 (6) Research shows that school-based and com-
 7 munity-based interventions can reduce underage
 8 drinking and associated problems, and that positive
 9 outcomes can be achieved by combining environ-
 10 mental and institutional change with theory-based
 11 health education—a comprehensive, community-
 12 based approach.

13 **SEC. 3. GRANTS DIRECTED AT REDUCING HIGHER-EDU-**
 14 **CATION ALCOHOL ABUSE.**

15 (a) AUTHORIZATION OF PROGRAM.—The Secretary
 16 shall award grants to eligible entities to enable the entities
 17 to reduce the rate of underage alcohol use and binge
 18 drinking among students at institutions of higher edu-
 19 cation.

20 (b) APPLICATIONS.—An eligible entity that desires to
 21 receive a grant under this Act shall submit an application
 22 to the Secretary at such time, in such manner, and accom-
 23 panied by such information as the Secretary may require.
 24 Each application shall include—

1 (1) a description of how the eligible entity will
2 work to enhance an existing, or where none exists to
3 build a, statewide coalition;

4 (2) a description of how the eligible entity will
5 target underage students in the State;

6 (3) a description of how the eligible entity in-
7 tends to ensure that the statewide coalition is actu-
8 ally implementing the purpose of this Act and mov-
9 ing toward indicators described in section (d);

10 (4) a list of the members of the statewide coali-
11 tion or interested parties involved in the work of the
12 eligible entity;

13 (5) a description of how the eligible entity in-
14 tends to work with State agencies on substance
15 abuse prevention and education;

16 (6) the anticipated impact of funds provided
17 under this Act in reducing the rates of underage al-
18 cohol use;

19 (7) outreach strategies, including ways in which
20 the eligible entity proposes to—

21 (A) reach out to students;

22 (B) promote the purpose of this Act;

23 (C) address the range of needs of the stu-
24 dents and the surrounding communities; and

1 (D) address community norms for under-
2 age students regarding alcohol use; and
3 (8) such additional information as required by
4 the Secretary.

5 (c) USES OF FUNDS.—Each eligible entity that re-
6 ceives a grant under this section shall use the grant funds
7 to carry out the activities described in such entity's appli-
8 cation submitted pursuant to subsection (b).

9 (d) ACCOUNTABILITY.—On the date on which the
10 Secretary first publishes a notice in the Federal Register
11 soliciting applications for grants under this section, the
12 Secretary shall include in the notice achievement indica-
13 tors for the program authorized under this section. The
14 achievement indicators shall be designed—

15 (1) to measure the impact that the statewide
16 coalitions assisted under this Act are having on the
17 institutions of higher education and the surrounding
18 communities, including changes in the number of al-
19 cohol incidents of any kind (including violations,
20 physical assaults, sexual assaults, reports of intimi-
21 dation, disruptions of school functions, disruptions
22 of student studies, mental health referrals, illnesses,
23 or deaths);

1 (2) to measure the quality and accessibility of
 2 the programs or information offered by the state-
 3 wide coalitions; and

4 (3) to provide such other measures of program
 5 impact as the Secretary determines appropriate.

6 (e) SUPPLEMENT NOT SUPPLANT.—Grant funds
 7 provided under this Act shall be used to supplement, and
 8 not supplant, Federal and non-Federal funds available for
 9 carrying out the activities described in this section.

10 (f) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this section:

11 (1) ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—The term “eligible enti-
 12 ty” means a State, institution of higher education,
 13 or nonprofit entity.

14 (2) INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION.—The
 15 term “institution of higher education” has the
 16 meaning given the term in section 101(a) of the
 17 Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1001(a)).

18 (3) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
 19 the Secretary of Education.

20 (4) STATE.—The term “State” means each of
 21 the 50 States, the District of Columbia, and the
 22 Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

23 (5) STATEWIDE COALITION.—The term “state-
 24 wide coalition” means a coalition that—

25 (A) includes—

1 (i) institutions of higher education
2 within a State; and

3 (ii) a nonprofit group, a community
4 underage drinking prevention coalition, or
5 another substance abuse prevention group
6 within a State; and

7 (B) works toward lowering the alcohol
8 abuse rate by targeting underage students at
9 institutions of higher education throughout the
10 State and in the surrounding communities.

11 (6) SURROUNDING COMMUNITY.—The term
12 “surrounding community” means the community—

13 (A) that surrounds an institution of higher
14 education participating in a statewide coalition;

15 (B) where the students from the institu-
16 tion of higher education take part in the com-
17 munity; and

18 (C) where students from the institution of
19 higher education live in off-campus housing.

20 (g) ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES.—Not more than 5
21 percent of a grant under this section may be expended
22 for administrative expenses.

23 (h) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
24 are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section
25 \$5,000,000 for fiscal year 2006, and such sums as may

1 be necessary for each of the fiscal years 2007 through
2 2010.

